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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This is an acknowledgement of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). You requested any and all reports, analysis, and statistics CBP has on air interdiction in the southwest Border States (California, New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas) from FY 2000 to FY 2012. You further asked how many illicit aircraft penetrated or tried to penetrate U.S. airspace from Mexico and how many aircraft that flew into U.S. airspace were interdicted by CBP or another agency, including dates and locations of incidents. You further asked how many subjects were arrested, and aircraft impounded, during the period requested.

After evaluating your request, CBP has determined that you qualify for media status in reference to this request. Media requestors are required to pay .10 cents per page in duplication costs, though the first 100 pages are free. Media requestors are not charged for search or review time. Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations outlined on the DHS website, [http://www.dhs.gov/xfoia/editorial\\_0579.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xfoia/editorial_0579.shtm).

You have a right to appeal our determination. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 60 days of the date of this letter, to: FOIA Appeals, Policy and Litigation Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 799 Ninth Street, NW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20229-1179, following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at Title 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at [www.dhs.gov/foia](http://www.dhs.gov/foia).

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This office may be reached at (202) 325-0150. Please notate file number 2012F30134 on any future correspondence to CBP related to this request.

Sincerely,

*for* Dale G. Martin  
Acting Director, FOIA Division  
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